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SUBJECT: GUIDELINE FOR USE OF WEAPONS - MSG

REF: RSO MEMORANDUM OF JULY 11, 1975

MOSCOW FOR RSO

1. THE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF WEAPONS ARE EXCELLENT EXCEPT THAT THE BASIC CONCEPT OF A MARINE GUARD BEING ARMED WHEN ON DUTY IN UNIFORM IS NEGATED IN PARA 2 ON PAGE 2.
2. IF THE MARINE GUARD IS TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES EFFECTIVELY, BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, AND PRESENT THE DESIRED PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERRENT TO A WOULD BE INTRUDER, HE MUST BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES ON DUTY WITHIN THE DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. NIGHT STICKS AND MACE DISPENSERS ARE A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR THE WEAPON.
3. THE GUIDELINES THEMSELVES ARE CENTERED AROUND THE CONCEPT THAT THE WEAPON WILL BE USED ONLY IN DEFENSE OF LIVES EITHER THE GUARD'S OR OTHERS. THIS IS CORRECT.
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